AUGUST 5, 2008, PRIMARY AND NOVEMBER 4, 2008, GENERAL ELECTION — IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

ELECTION DATES

State Primary August 5, 200	8
State General Election November 4, 200	8

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Registration Deadline*	Action Required
July 7, 2008	Last day to register for August primary. (MCL \$168.498)
October 6, 2008	Last day to register for November general election. (MCL §168.498)

FILING DEADLINES: AUGUST 5 PRIMARY ELECTION NOVEMBER 4 GENERAL ELECTION

Filing Deadline*	Action Required
	Candidates
By 5:00 p.m., March 24	Incumbent appeals court, circuit court, district court, and probate court judges file affidavit of candidacy and affidavit of identity for the August primary. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 5:00 p.m. on March 27. (MCL §168.409b, 168.413a, 168.414, 168.433a, 168.434, 168.467c, and 168.467d)
By 4:00 p.m., April 29	Candidates seeking appeals court, circuit court, district court, or probate court judgeships file nominating petitions, affidavit of identity and affidavit of constitutional qualification for the August primary. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on May 2. (MCL §168.409b, 168.409c, 168.413, 168.414, 168.433, 168.434, 168.467b, and 168.467d)
By 4:00 p.m., May 13	Candidates for county convention delegate (precinct delegate) file an affidavit of identity for the August primary. Filing submitted to the clerk of the county, city or township in which candidate resides. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on May 16. (MCL §168.624, 168.624a)
By 4:00 p.m., May 13	Partisan and nonpartisan candidates (other than judicial candidates) file nominating petitions (or fees if applicable) and affidavit of identity for the August primary. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on May 16.
By 5:00 p.m., July 7	Incumbent supreme court justices file affidavits of candidacy for the November general election. (MCL §168.392a)

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AUGUST 5 PRIMARY ELECTION NOVEMBER 4 GENERAL ELECTION (Cont.)

Filing Deadline*	Action Required
By 4:00 p.m., July 17	Candidates (Cont.) District library board candidates who wish to seek office at the November 4 general election file an affidavit of identity and a nominating petition. (A \$100.00 nonrefundable fee may be filed in lieu of a petition.) (MCL §397.181) (Special note: If district library includes a school district, district library board candidates file by 4:00 p.m. on August 12.)
By 4:00 p.m., July 17	Candidates without political party affiliation file qualifying petitions for the November general election. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on July 21. (MCL §168.590c)
By 4:00 p.m., July 25	Write-in candidates other than write-in candidates who seek precinct delegate positions file declaration of intent forms for the August primary. (MCL §168.737a)
By 4:00 p.m., August 1	Write-in candidates who seek precinct delegate positions file declaration of intent forms for the August primary. (As an alternative, candidates for precinct delegate may file form with appropriate precinct board on election day before the close of the polls.) (MCL §168.737a)
By 4:00 p.m., August 12	Local school board candidates, community college trustee candidates, and district library board candidates who wish to seek office at the November 4 general election file an affidavit of identity and a nominating petition. (A \$100.00 nonrefundable fee may be filed in lieu of a petition.) Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on August 15. (MCL §168.303; 397.181; 389.152) (Special notes: If district library does not include a school district, district library board candidates file by 4:00 p.m. on July 17. Candidates seeking a Wayne County Community College trustee position file by 4:00 p.m. on May 13.)
By 4:00 p.m., October 24	Write-in candidates file declaration of intent forms for the November general election. (MCL §168.737a)
	New Parties and State Ballot Proposals
By 5:00 p.m., May 28	Petitions to place a legislative initiative proposal on the November general election ballot filed with the secretary of state (304,101 valid signatures required). (MCL §168.471)
By 5:00 p.m., July 7	Petitions to place a proposed constitutional amendment on the November general election ballot filed with the secretary of state (380,126 valid signatures required). (MCL §168.471)
By 4:00 p.m., July 17	New political parties file petitions to qualify for the November general election ballot (38,013 valid signatures required). (MCL §168.685)

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AUGUST 5 PRIMARY ELECTION NOVEMBER 4 GENERAL ELECTION (Cont.)

Filing Deadline*	Action Required
	County and Local Proposals
By May 13	Petitions to place county and local questions on the August primary ballot filed with county and local clerks. (If governing law sets an earlier petition filing deadline, earlier deadline must be observed.) (MCL §168.646a)
By May 27	Ballot wording of county and local proposals to be presented at August primary certified to county and local clerks; local clerks receiving ballot wording forward to county clerk within two days. (MCL §168.646a)
By August 12	Petitions to place county and local questions on the November general election ballot filed with county and local clerks. (If governing law sets an earlier petition filing deadline, earlier deadline must be observed.) (MCL §168.646a)
By August 26	Ballot wording of county and local proposals to be presented at the November general election certified to county and local clerks; local clerks receiving ballot wording forward to county clerk within two days. (MCL §168.646a)

Source: Michigan Department of State

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